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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The remaining claims are 9, 13, 16, 25 and 27. Claims 13, 25 and 27 have been amended. Claims 1-8, 10-12, 14, 15, 17-24, 26, and 28-30 are cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. Specifically, the Examiner has stated that the phrase "wherein signals fixing" recited in claim 13 is unclear and indefinite. Claim 13 has been amended to replace the phrase "wherein signals fixing" with the phrase "wherein a signal fixing". It is believed that this amendment overcomes the rejection based on § 112 and accordingly Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection on this basis be withdrawn.

The Examiner has objected to claims 12 and 15 as being dependent on rejected base claims, but stated that these claims

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would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Independent claim 25 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 12 and independent claim 27 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 15. Claims 12 and 15 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Accordingly, it is believed that independent claims 25 and 27 and dependent claims 9 and 13 (which depend directly from claim 25) as well as dependant claim 16 (which depends directly from claim 27) are in condition for allowance.

In summary, independent claims 25 and 27 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 12 and 15, respectively. Claim 13 has been amended to address the Examiner's rejection under § 112. Claims 1-8, 10-12, 14, 15, 17-24, 26, and 28-30 are cancelled without prejudice.

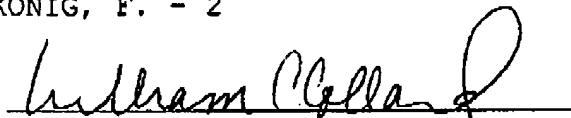
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The applicant believes that the remaining claims, which are 9, 13, 16, 25 and 27 are in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, the applicant respectfully requests early allowance of the remaining claims.

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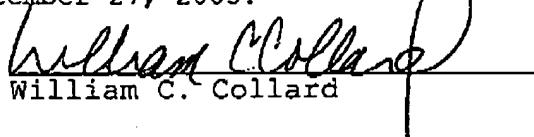
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